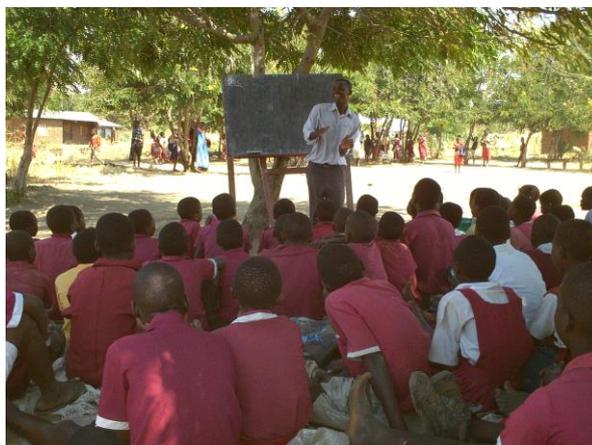


## BIBLE EXPLORER REPORT August 2017



The Starfish Bible Explorer Team. From left: George Edward, Agness Gama, Benard Phiri, Tionge Sitima, Wiseman Musa

This year the Starfish Bible Explorer presenters have worked in 25 schools around Salima teaching children the story line of the bible and making the main events and characters memorable through a fun and interactive process. Almost five thousand children between the ages of 10-16+ have had the opportunity to hear these bible stories. The percentage of Muslim children in these schools range from 20% to over 90%.



As well as the spiritual impact Bible Explorer has on the pupils, it has also helped improve exam results in Bible knowledge. Tionge, one of the Bible Explorer presenters, researched the exam results in the schools where she teaches Bible Explorer. The results below indicate the positive impact on exam results.

SCHOOL	Standard 4( before BX) Percentage of pupils who passed Bible knowledge exam	Standard 5 & 6 (after BX) Percentage of pupils who passed Bible knowledge exam
Kalonga	40%	60%
Msalura	48%	70%
Salima L.E.A.	20%	51%
Kaputu	30%	60%
Mtumbira	10%	50%



Mr Kashion (left), a standard 6 teacher at Kambwiri Primary School, commenting on Bible Explorer says, *“It has helped the learners to comprehend and narrate biblical stories. Our school is located in a muslim community. The program has helped the learners to understand the truth from the bible and they enjoy the lessons.”*

Mrs Kusamba (right), a standard 5 teacher at Kambwiri Primary School, states that *“Bible Explorer has helped learners to understand the Bible better since it has become more familiar to them. In addition, it has helped the learners to grow spiritually resulting in them respecting teachers and school rules more.”*



Veya Semu (above) is a standard 5 learner at Chitiwiri Primary School and is from a Christian family. She said that *“Bible Explorer helped me to pass better in Bible Knowledge Exams. This is because most of the questions comes from what my BX teacher taught me and last term I got 62%. I like the story of Joshua.”*

Victor Thole (right), a standard 5 learner at Chitiwiri Primary School, commented that *“Bible Explorer helped me to understand the story line of the Bible. In addition, I learned how to forgive friends. I like the story of Joseph. Thirdly, It helps me to pass well in Bible knowledge exams.”*



Since September 2016, transport problems have resulted in presenters being unable to visit some schools in the Chipoka area. Many of the schools in this area are very keen for Bible Explorer to recommence in their schools. In July 2017, Wiseman Mussa, the Starfish Bible Explorer coordinator and BX instructor, trained new candidates to be presenters in the Chipoka area. Wiseman noted that the new BX trainees were particularly good in the area of hand signs, use of voice, geography and story telling. Two candidates will be chosen to present Bible Explorer in eight schools in the Chipoka and Thugulu area.

The schools are as follows:

<b>Chipoka Area</b>	<b>Thugulu Area</b>
Chipoka 1	Thugulu
Chipoka 2	Napache
Thokozani	Chimsolo
Mtiya	Chitipi



Wiseman, teaching the new BX presenters

Although there have been challenges this year, which has included a two week teachers' strike resulting in presenters being unable to go to schools, we are looking forward to the new academic year where BX will be presented in over 30 schools.

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